

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Submission, Claims 1-8 were pending in the application.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,915,345 to *Tummala et al.* (hereinafter *Tummala*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,729 to *Giniger et al.* (hereinafter *Giniger*).

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as set forth herein. Please cancel Claims 4-8 without prejudice. Please add new Claims 19-26. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 19-26 are currently pending herein.

Regarding this rejection of Claims 1-8, as previously set forth, Claims 4-8 have been cancelled. In addition, it is respectfully asserted that the amended Claims 1-2 are not taught in *Tummala*. Particularly, it is respectfully asserted that the cited art at least fails to teach or fairly suggest a foreign agent performing the receiving and transmitting operations recited in the amended Claim 1. Moreover, *Tummala* fails to disclose an ISP server positioned between the ISP router of the FA network and an ISP router of the VPN, as recited in Claim, for managing information on the ISP routers and establishing IP tunneling between the ISP routers. In view of at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Neither does it appear that *Tummala* teaches or fairly suggests the recitations in new independent Claim 21, for providing a virtual private network to a mobile node located in a foreign agent network. Thus, allowance of new claims 21-26 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 21 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Additionally, without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 19-20 and 22-26, these are likewise believed to be allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3 and 19-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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